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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Schaller". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and a cursive "A".

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